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FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM--REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

REF: A-6610 OF AUG 20, 1974

1. ON APRIL 1 TWO CZECH NATIONALS WALKED INTO AMCONGEN ALEXANDRIA. THEY SAID THEY WERE HERE ON TWO WEEK TOUR OF EGYPT. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON EACH IS AS FOLLOWS:

A) RYBKA, MIROSLAV, MALE BORN JULY 5, 1946 IN TELPLICE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PASSPORT NUMBER 2022407, CURRENTLY WORKING AS TV TECHNICIAN IN LAHOSTE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED 1966-1972 BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARMED FORCES IN PILOT PREPARATORY ACADEMY "SVAZAMQMOST". GRADUATE OF INSITUTE OF ELECTRONICS. MENTIONED C-104 AND C-205 AS AIRCRAFT WITH WHICH HE FAMILIAR. FATHER JOSEF RYBKA, BORN 1912, NOW RETIRED; TWO BROTHERS.

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B) NAVAROVA, MARTA, FEMALE, BORN JUNE 27, 1951 IN

PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A WORKER RAISING LABORATORY ANIMALS IN PRAGUE. GRADUATED 1974 FROM UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE WITH DEGREE IN GEOPHYSICS. FATHER: NAVAROVA, VA'CLAVE, BORN 1921, CURRENTLY ENGINEER IN "SCIENTIFIC PLANTS" IN PRAGUE; TWO BROTHERS--STUDENTS IN PRAGUE.

2. THE TWO SAID THEY DID NOT WANT TO RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WHEN ASKED WHY THEY WANTED TO LEAVE PRAGUE, MISS NAVAROVA STATED THAT SHE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF VARIOUS POLITICAL GROUPS DURING HER STUDENT DAYS IN 1968, I.E., KLUB ANGAZOVANYCH NESTRANIKU, AND THAT, BECAUSE OF HER POLITICAL VIEWS, SHE HAD BEEN PERSECUTED BY BEING GIVEN LABORER'S WORK AND BEING FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE COUNTRY. SHE WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL TO EGYPT ONLY AFTER BRIBING AN OFFICIAL.

3. MR. RYBKA HAS NOT MADE ANY ALLEGATIONS OF PERSECUTION. HE, HOWEVER, ALSO HAD TO BRIBE AN OFFICIAL DUE TO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL.

4. WHEN ASKED WHAT THEY WISHED US TO DO, THEY REPLIED THAT, FIRST OF ALL, THEY WANTED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND THAT, SINCE MISS NAVAROVA HAS AN UNCLE WHO IMMIGRATED TO AUSTRALIA IN 1948, COULD WE HELP THEM GET TO AUSTRALIA. (VA'CLAVE CHUDACEK, LINDISFARME, HOBART, TASMANIA). AT THAT POINT WE CONTACTED THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN CAIRO AS THEY HAVE NO CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE IN ALEXANDRIA. THEY IN TURN AGREED TO INTERVIEW THE COUPLE WHO SUBSEQUENTLY WENT CAIRO ON APRIL 4.

5. MORNING APR 9 AT 0930 LOCAL WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE LOCAL TOURIST POLICE SAYING THAT THEY HAD PICKED UP AN AMERICAN FEMALE FOUND WALKING THE STREETS AT 0300 LOCAL AND THAT SHE APPEARED TO BE ILL. (MISS NAVAROVA LATER SAID SHE FAKED ILLNESS TO AVOID SPEAKING AS HER ENGLISH IS POOR). WE WENT AND DISCOVERED THAT THE SUBJECT WAS MISS NAVAROVA AND THAT SHE WAS POSING AS AN AMERICAN SOLELY TO MAKE CONTACT.

6. WE WERE TOLD THE SUBJECT HAD NOT COMMITTED ANY
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CRIME AND THAT SHE WAS FREE TO LEAVE. FOR OUR PART, WE SAID WE WOULD TRY TO VERIFY HER ALLEGATION OF US NATIONALITY AND THEN RETURNED TO THE CONSULATE WITH THE SUBJECT.

7. MISS NAVAROVA THEN TOLD US THAT THE INTERVIEW WITH THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAD NOT GONE WELL AND THAT THEY HAD TOLD HER THE PROSPECTS FOR IMMEDIATE IMMIGRATION

WERE NOT GOOD. AT THAT POINT THE TWO APPARENTLY BECAME PROGRESSIVELY MORE DESPERATE AND DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO GET POSSESSION OF THEIR PASSPORTS. THUS, WHILE ON TOUR IN LUXOR, (APR 6) THEY BOTH SAID THEY WERE ILL AND NEEDED THEIR PASSPORTS WHICH THEY WERE ABLE TO KEEP.

8. THEY THEN DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD LEAVE THE TOUR AND STRIKE OUT ON THEIR OWN. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT THEY PLANNED TO DO, BUT MISS NAVAROVA SAYS THEY HAD DECIDED TO MEET AT THE CONSULATE IF THEY WERE SEPARATED. THUS, AFTER MIDNIGHT (LOCAL APR 9) THEY WERE BOTH TO SLIP OUT OF THEIR ROOMS AND MEET. MR. RYBKA WAS GIVEN ALL THE DOCUMENTATION AS IT WAS FELT HIS DEPARTURE WOULD BE EASIER DUE TO ROOM LOCATION.

9. MR. RYBKA AND MISS NAVAROVA DID NOT DEPART AT THE SAME TIME AND MISS NAVAROVA DID NOT SEE HIM LEAVE. AS STATED, MISS NAVAROVA WAS PICKED UP AND NEVER SAW MR. RYBKA.

10. WE THEN CONTACTED THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY EXPLAINING WHAT HAD HAPPENED. THERE IS STILL THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE AUSTRALIANS WILL TAKE FAVORABLE ACTION, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, MISS NAVAROVA HAS REQUESTED "AMERICAN PROTECTION" AND "IMMIGRATION".

11. WE HAVE COORDINATED WITH ALEXANDRIA SECURITY AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BOTH OF THE SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING BY THE TOUR LEADER AND THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CONSUL. MORE IMPORTANTLY, LOCAL SECURITY SAYS THAT, IF EITHER OF THE TWO WERE TURNED OVER TO THEM OR CAME INTO THEIR HANDS, THEY WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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OBLIGED TO TURN THEM OVER TO THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CONSULATE.

12. MISS NAVAROVA IS WITHOUT ANY DOCUMENTATION, MONEY OR BAGGAGE AND SAYS THAT, IF SHE IS FORCED TO RETURN TO PRAGUE, SHE WILL BE SENT TO PRISON. SHE REFUSED TO LEAVE CONSULATE PREMISES.

13. CONGEN HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT EMBASSY DEFECTOR COMMITTEE, APPRISED OF FACTS, HAS RULED APR 9 THAT SHE IS NOT QUALIFIED AS A DEFECTOR.

14. PLEASE ADVISE US AS TO THE FEASIBILITIES FOR ASYLUM, REFUGEE OR OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR MISS NAVAROVA AND ALSO FOR MR. RYBKA AS HE MAY STILL ARRIVE AT THE CONSULATE. IT IS OUR ESTIMATION THAT, IF MISS NAVAROVA

IS LEFT ON HER OWN, SHE CANNOT BUT BE RETURNED TO HER
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CONSULATE AS LONG AS SHE HAS NO
DOCUMENTATION OR MONEY. EVEN IF WE ARE TO ASSIST
ONLY TEMPORARILY, WE WILL HAVE TO EITHER KEEP HER IN THE
CONSULATE OR IN ONE OF THE OFFICER'S HOMES, AS IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO STAY IN A HOTEL WITHOUT A PASSPORT. LOCAL
SECURITY HAS SAID THAT, IF US OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY IS
WILLING TO TAKE MISS NAVAROVA, THEY WOULD NOT INTERFERE
WITH HER DEPARTURE FROM EGYPT.

15. EMBASSY IS SEEKING TO CONTACT UNHCR OFFICE
CAIRO RE SUBJECT. PLEASE ADVISE. SIGNED CHASE
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